

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 130**

(By Delegate Caputo, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Thompson, and Delegates  
Barill, Boggs, Ennis, Ferns, Ferro, Fleischauer, Fragale, Givens,  
Jones, Longstreth, Manchin, Manypenny, Marshall, Pasdon, Pethtel,  
D. Poling, Swartzmiller and Varner)

Supporting the National Energy Technology Laboratory.

WHEREAS, The extraction and use of domestic sources of coal,  
oil and natural gas are vital to West Virginia's economy and  
essential to America's drive to energy independence; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Energy's National  
Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has been leading the nation's  
research and development and deployment programs for fossil energy;  
and

WHEREAS, NETL technological breakthroughs include: Emissions  
control devices in use in over seventy-five percent of the nation's  
coal-fired power plants; high efficiency fluidized bed coal  
combustors; high efficiency gas turbines; carbon capture and  
storage methods; and horizontal well drilling technologies and  
fracture mapping techniques for gas and oil recovery; and

WHEREAS, Independent studies have found that the return on  
investment from taxpayer funding to NETL projects has been as much  
as nine hundred percent; and

1       WHEREAS, NETL is also extensively involved in energy efficiency  
2 and renewable energy research and development projects in leading  
3 America to have a broad range of energy saving technologies, such  
4 as United States manufactured battery and electric drive industry,  
5 solid state lighting, industrial building technologies, and state  
6 energy weatherization programs for low income families; and

7       WHEREAS, NETL is a leading employer in Monongalia County and  
8 contributed \$87 million in salaries and wages to the area economy  
9 in 2010 alone; and

10       WHEREAS, These salaries are a vital source of revenue for many  
11 additional area businesses and a valued tax base for state and  
12 local governments; and

13       WHEREAS, The United States Congress is unwisely seeking to  
14 discontinue all NETL research and development programs in oil and  
15 natural gas and underfund NETL coal research and development and  
16 related programs; and

17       WHEREAS, NETL contributed an additional \$342 million to West  
18 Virginia businesses and universities through research, development,  
19 construction and support contracts and other agreements; therefore,  
20 be it

21 *Resolved by the Legislature of the State of West Virginia:*

22       That it calls upon the West Virginia Congressional delegation  
23 to the United States Congress to continue to support NETL's Fossil  
24 Energy and Energy Efficiency research and development programs by  
25 securing full funding for the National Energy Technology Laboratory

1 in fiscal years 2011 and 2012 at no less than \$1.961 billion per  
2 fiscal year; and, be it

3       *Further resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be sent to  
4 the West Virginia Congressional delegation to the United States  
5 Congress, the President of the United States, the President of the  
6 United States Senate, and the Speaker of the United States House of  
7 Representatives.